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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

The instant paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed August 16, 2005 in connection with the above-identified patent application. The period for responding to the Office Action has been extended, by enclosure of a 3 month petition for extension of time and fee, to and through 16 February 2006. Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows: